

Wilderness Terms and Lottery Conditions:

The following are NOT Reserved by the Mt Whitney Lottery:

- Overnight trips starting on routes other than the Mt Whitney Trail. This includes overnight trips via the North Fork of Lone Pine Creek to access the Mountaineer's Route, East Face/Buttress routes, and trips starting at other entry points, like Cottonwood or Kearsarge Pass. These trips can be reserved 6 months in advance by contacting the wilderness permit reservation office. (760) 873-2483.
- Day hikes that will not enter the Mt Whitney zone at any point do not require a permit.
- Winter trips with an entry date between November 2 and April 30 do not need a reservation. Self-issue permits are available.
- Trips that begin in Yosemite or Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, obtain your permit from the National Park.

Multiple Lottery Applications: Submit only one application for each planned trip. Example: if you are planning one trip in June and another trip in August, send one application for each trip.

No Refunds: A reservation fee is charged only if your application is successful. Once reserved, there is no refund. Reservations that result from submission multiple applications are not entitled to a refund.

Re-sale of reservations is prohibited. Reservations can not be transferred to other parties or to future years.

Applications will be rejected if they are: incomplete or illegible; received without payment; sent by fax; incorrect form used, or not submitted during lottery period of February 1- March 15, 2011.

Mt. Whitney Lottery Details

How is the lottery done? Applications accepted into the lottery are stirred into random order. February 16, we begin making reservations from applications that are drawn at random. Applications received February 16 or later, are stirred into the application pool each day. Every application is drawn and considered. When your application is drawn, a reservation is made if quota space is still available for the entry date and group size you requested. Please be sure your application is accurate and complete before you mail it. We can not revise, intercept, or confirm the status of applications.

Results will be sent by mail after April 1st. Response to all applications will be by mail.

Be sure to:

- ✓ Mail your application between February 1 and March 15.
- ✓ Use the 2011 application form.
- ✓ Include reservation payment
- ✓ Mail To:

Mt. Whitney Lottery
351 Pacu Lane, Suite 200
Bishop, CA 93514

More information is available at
Inyo National Forest website: www.fs.usda.gov/inyo
Wilderness Permit Reservation Office (760) 873-2483

If you were unsuccessful, missed the lottery, or want to change your reservation, refer to the Inyo National Forest website after April 1st for a calendar of available dates, and timetable of when to re-apply. Space left after the lottery can be reserved until 2 days before entry date. 1 day before the trip, any remaining space is given out to visitors in person at the Eastern Sierra InterAgency Visitor Center, near Lone Pine, CA.

Questions? Need assistance? Call the Wilderness Permit Reservation staff before February 12 or after April 1. **760-873-2483.**

Wilderness permits are required year-round for all visitors entering the Mt Whitney Zone. Reservations are only available for trips that begin during the quota period, from May 1 through November 1.

Day Use Permit: If the entire trip will be on one calendar date and you will enter the Mt. Whitney Zone, a Day Use permit is required. Day Use includes all routes (access to Mountaineer's Route, East Face/Buttress routes, Mt Russell). No consecutive day use, if trip is more than one calendar date an Overnight permit is required.

Overnight permit (can be multi-night): Trips lasting one night or more that start on the Mt. Whitney trail require an Overnight permit. This includes trips that will end elsewhere (i.e. Pacific Crest and John Muir trails). Day permit can not be used as part of an overnight trip to pass through the area. Mt Whitney Overnight use does not include all routes. Entry via North Fork of Lone Pine Creek to access the Mountaineer's Route, East Face /Buttress, & Mt. Russell is a different permit (NOT in lottery).

Group Size: The maximum group size is 15 people. Large groups can not exceed 15 people even if on separate permits.

Entry Date: This is the date you will begin walking on the trail. All of your group must start on your entry date. Do not include extra days you are staying at Whitney Portal Campground before you start on the trail.

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2011 Mt. Whitney Lottery Application
Inyo National Forest Pacific Southwest Region



Enter the Mt. Whitney Lottery if you want to **reserve a wilderness permit** for a trip with an entry date between May 1 and November 1, 2011.

Mail your application between February 1 and March 15, and specify if you are requesting:

Day Use in the Mt. Whitney Zone*, valid for all routes; or

Overnight or multi night trip that starts* on the Mt. Whitney trail

*You are responsible for all the Terms and Conditions on page two

Group Leader Information

Print clearly - mail label

optional E-mail _____

Name _____

List Alternate Leaders allowed to replace Group Leader:

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone -optional (_____) _____

Is this a GUIDED trip?: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Name of Guide, Company, School, Church Group, Youth Org, etc.

Is this trip by Foot? (Hiking/ Backpacking) ☐ YES ☐ NO

GROUP SIZE / FEES/ PAYMENT TERMS

Mt Whitney Permit Reservations are **\$15.00 per person**. Submission of this application indicates your agreement to Mt Whitney lottery terms and conditions. Reservations are not refundable, not for re-sale and can not be transferred to other parties or future years. Send only one application per trip/group. Reservations that result from submission multiple applications are not entitled to a refund.

Number of People _____ **X \$15.00 = \$** _____
(maximum group size 15 people) **Total Fee**

Payment is required with application.

Check or Money Order payable to: **USDA Forest Service**

or **VISA / MasterCard** Provide Credit Card Number

_____/_____/_____/_____

Expiration Date (month/year) ____/____

Print Name on credit card

Credit Card Signature _____

DATES REQUESTED: List alternate entry dates in order of preference.

Entry date is the date you will start on the trail. Do not count days of your vacation that are not on the trail.

	Entry Date	Exit Date	Entry Trail	Exit Trail	Day Use	Over-night
1 st Choice			Mt. Whitney			
2 nd Choice			Mt. Whitney			
3 rd Choice			Mt. Whitney			
4 th Choice			Mt. Whitney			
5 th Choice			Mt. Whitney			
6 th Choice			Mt. Whitney			
7 th Choice			Mt. Whitney			
8 th Choice			Mt. Whitney			
9 th Choice			Mt. Whitney			
10 th Choice			Mt. Whitney			

Additional alternate dates can be attached, please include leader name on all pages.